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## FARMHOUSE PLANNING AND DESIGN

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A Demonstration by Extension Workers of the  
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This demonstration of the use of cut-outs in planning to remodel a farmhouse was arranged with the aid of the Farm Housing Committee of the Mississippi State Extension Service. County extension workers participate in the demonstration because of its direct application to work with farm families.

The demonstration depicts a county agent showing a farm family how to use the new U.S. Department of Agriculture publication, "Your Farmhouse: Cut-outs To Help in Planning." This publication provides cut-outs of house furniture and equipment, and a scale card with which cut-outs of rooms can be produced to the same scale. It is one of a series in preparation relating to "Your Farmhouse." This bulletin is concerned with developing skill in planning, while others of the series are devoted to furthering knowledge and fostering progressive attitudes on farm and rural housing. The demonstration is conducted in four steps, as follows:

In Step I, the family learns to use cut-outs by producing a cut-out scale plan of their house, just as it is without any contemplated changes.

In Step II, the family develops its remodeling plans by using small freehand sketch plans to express its ideas for contemplated changes in the number of rooms, or their size or location. One of these sketches is selected for use.

In Step III, the family checks the soundness of its ideas by making a cut-out plan to scale from the selected sketch plan. It then tests the adequacy of the room sizes with the cut-out furniture, and checks the plan of the house with a check list.

In Step IV, a builder is consulted to assure that the construction planned will be practical, that the house will have a good appearance, and that total costs of remodeling and improvements will be within the family building budget.

Planning with cut-outs for building a new house would follow the same four steps except that the cut-out plan produced in Step I, is copied from a good farmhouse plan selected by the family from bulletins, magazines, or other dependable sources. If this house plan does not exactly meet the family needs, simple changes can be made in the plan by using Steps II, III, and IV, just as is done in planning for remodeling.

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